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The Taylor County Decision.

The refusal of the supreme court of appeals of the state to grant the mandamus applied for by Mr. Dent, the Democratic claimant to a certificate of election to the legislature in Taylor county, to compel Commissioner Means (Republican) to sign his commission, leaves the case just as it stood before, neither of the claimants having a legal certificate. Brohard, the Republican candidate, who was elected on the official count, holds the Republican commissioner's certificate, and the Democratic candidate who was elected by the alleged changed ballots on a recount, holding a certificate from the Democratic commissioner, who, immediately after signing it, left the state. The law requires the signature of a majority of the county court.

The failure of the mandamus case throws the contest for the seat into the house, where it will be settled. Who will get the seat depends largely on the degree of fairness shown in the determination of the title to the seat by the members of the house. Chairman Ohley, of the Democratic state committee, is quoted as saying the merits of the case were not before the court. It was only asked to compel the Republican commissioner to sign Dent's certificate. While it is true the evidence concerning the ballots alleged to be fraudulently changed may not have been submitted to the court, the arguments involved more or less the presentation of the merits of the case. At any rate the matter is no longer before the court, and the result must remain in doubt until after the contest before the house of delegates.

The Republicans may be expected to bring the merits before the deciding body strongly, and some interesting developments may be expected. The justice of the case is on the side of the Republican claimant, at present, and it is hoped there will be enough fair-minded members of the house on both sides to give the evidence a fair hearing. This the public has a right to expect.

Vest and Human Liberty.

On Saturday the Intelligencer had occasion to refer to Senator Vest's attitude toward the payment of an amount consistent with the dignity of the country to the peace commissioners, and to his radical opposition to the Philippine policy in advance of any policy being announced. Senator Vest has been weeping bitter tears for down-trodden humanity, and incidentally for that poor martyr, the Spanish government. In connection with his passionate grief for the Filipinos, whom he fears will be kept in slavery by this government, and his general all-around professions of humanity, the New York Sun sees back of his professions the prickings of remorse, and draws on the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, of Mr. Vest's state, for the basis of its theory.

The St. Louis paper recalls the past, when in 1861, Mr. Vest, as a member of the Missouri legislature, introduced a bill to punish with death "any one who, by writing, speaking, printing, or engraving, incited a slave to be insubordinate to his master." This bill was actually the work of the senator who is now so exercised over the fate of the poor Filipinos. But the bill went further. Aiding a slave to escape was to be punished, for the first offense, by ten years in the penitentiary, and by being "branded in the palm of the right hand with the figure of a cross." The second offense was to be punished by death. It provided that no one should serve on a jury who had conscientious scruples against slavery. It provided also that the branding should be done in the presence of the sheriff, "with a hot iron, in such a manner that the brand shall be lasting and indelible." Fortunately the committee to which the bill was referred opposed it, and it still remains pigeon-holed.

This present day humanitarian, who would, thirty-seven years ago, punish with death a citizen who encouraged slaves to hope for freedom, and who would brand with hot irons men who assisted slaves to escape, is now in an agony of grief over the prospect that the people of the Philippines are to become the wards of a land of liberty, because they may become "victims of the money-making classes of Wall street."

How consistent it all is. How in accordance with humane principles he professes, as a senator, to espouse is his record as a member of the Missouri legislature. Why should not Mr. Vest introduce a branding iron bill to protect the Filipinos from being freed from Spanish rule? The Sun comments on Mr. Vest as follows:

Mr. Vest loves and pities all down-trodden races. As he looks back to 1861 he trembles for people subject to the money-making classes. Man-branding has gone out

of fashion in the United States, and even Joe Bailey doesn't brand an infamous lie more than six times a week; but the accused greed of the money-making classes is capable of inflicting still greater punishment upon wretched people. The money-making classes will introduce trusts and corporations into the Philippines at the first opportunity.

Therefore does the Hon. George Graham Vest, mindful of his past, and tenderly concerned for the future of the Philippines, brand the trusts and corporations and money-makers, and seek to save the innocent islanders from the being the mere chattels of these monsters.

This is all very interesting, and increases the value of Mr. Vest's compassion for the Philippine inhabitants under the protection of a humane government at the end of a long and terrible experience under Spanish rule, and that humane government the same that branded forever the system, to preserve which Mr. Vest was willing to brand, and hang conscientious citizens.

The Republican Primaries.

The extraordinary large vote cast by the Republicans at the municipal primaries Saturday, as compared with the vote polled at the Democratic primaries, needs little comment. It indicates that the party is plainly alive and interested in the coming election. In round numbers 4,500 votes were cast, as compared with 1,500 cast at the Democratic primaries just one week previous, a fact which carries with it considerable significance. In all the wards the voters turned out in force in a raging blizzard and showed a great interest in the result. In the business districts, especially, unusual interest was manifested in the councilmanic contests, with the result that excellent material was chosen, and a ticket was made up which warrants that the administration of city affairs will be in the hands of competent and experienced men.

The polling of about three thousand more votes than the Democrats cast, however, should not inspire the Republicans with over-confidence. There is no doubt that the result will be a Republican victory on the 26th instant, but that should not cause a single voter to remain away from the polls. The interest should not decrease or lag. A good beginning has been made, but there remains to elect the executive and representative officers by good big majorities in order that the verdict may be pronounced emphatic.

The renomination unanimously of Mayor Butts was a tribute to his service in the past, and the choice of Mr. Clemans for chief of police, by a majority of more than 2,400, is an endorsement of his excellent service as lieutenant of the present force previous to his resignation. His popularity as an officer and as a citizen of high repute will secure him a good support, and his election by a large majority is a foregone conclusion.

Mr. Watkins received a deserved compliment in his unanimous renomination for city clerk, as did Mr. Norington for wharf master. Excellent first and second branches of council are guaranteed by the character of the ticket as a whole, and taken altogether, the Republicans have reason to be gratified with the result of the primaries.

Those who failed to receive nominations gracefully accept the result. Among them were many good men, who would have served the public well, and they made good showing in the vote.

It only remains for a united support of good citizens to insure a rousing election, something which the Intelligencer believes will be fully realized.

Was Non-Partisan.

The Register's Charleston dispatch concerning the denial of the writ of mandamus by the supreme court, applied for by the attorneys for Mr. Dent, the Democratic claimant of the certificate of election in Taylor county, to compel the commissioners of that county to sign his certificate of election, refers to Judge Dent's proper refusal to sit in the case, because his brother was interested, and says: "Judges Brannon and McWhorter were for denying the writ, and Judge English, the only Democratic member, wished to grant it, and had his dissenting opinion so recorded."

This statement may cause many to inquire where the Register got its impression that Judge English was the "only Democratic member." When did Judge Brannon become a Republican? It is particularly gratifying that there was no partisanship in the decision. The false impression conveyed by the Register's dispatch was entirely unwarranted.

We are not likely to witness a cessation of the discussion of the Keely motor secret, even since Keely's death. A New Jersey machinist comes forward with the assurance that he is in possession of it, but, alas, is unable to divulge it, for Keely, when he showed it to him, bound him under oath never to reveal it. He is not convinced that the inventor's death relieved him from the oath, and it is bound up in his bosom. The alleged confidante of Keely doesn't explain why he saw fit to arouse the public curiosity only to exasperate it with such an announcement.

A new use for burglars has been discovered in New York. The remarkable incident is reported in which a lady who was frightened by the discovery that her house had been entered and robbed by burglars, immediately recovered from a sickness which had caused her to be an invalid for nine years, and enabled her to leave her bed and assist the police in making the preliminary examination. She is now comparatively well. If the story turns out to be true, there is a probability that the calling of burglars may become a popular fad among the fashionable invalids in New York.

The Manual of the State of West Virginia—a complete directory of the legislative, executive and judicial departments, and containing the rules for the government of the senate and house, corrected up to December 10, has been issued by Secretary of State Dawson. It contains all the information of the nature indicated, and will prove valuable as a reference book during the coming session of the legislature.

Be very careful and write your dates 1899. It might avoid future embarrassments in legal and other important matters.

Old Glory now floats over Cuba, and the word of the American commander, General Brooke, is law throughout the island. General Brooke proposes to deal

fairly by the Cubans, and until a government is established on the line of liberty and independence, according to the pledge and intentions of the administration and Congress, peace and order will be maintained under the United States flag.

Pittsburgh Mormons state that they are opposed to polygamy, that Congressman Roberts, of Utah, should not be seated, and that their polygamous brethren are criminals. The Gentile defenders of Roberts will scarcely find much comfort in this announcement. At last accounts Mr. Roberts had no intention of testing public opinion by taking his six wives into Washington society with him.

A snow storm on the blizzard ushered in the new year, but believers in signs need not expect that this is indicative of a stormy year. We have had that already, and the outlook for the next year is that the victories to be won will be victories of peace rather than the conquests of war.

One more year and the nineteenth century will be past history. There are many living who saw the birth of the century; let us hope they may be spared to witness its passing away and to participate in a welcome of the new era.

EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD TASTE.

The Intelligencer is by far the ablest Republican paper in the state, and it gives all the latest state and national news.—Glenville Imprint.

Speaking of the Intelligencer the Ravenswood News says: "This most excellent paper is worthy the support of our readers. It gives all the news and its efforts in behalf of the Republican party should give it a warm place in the hearts of every true party man."

The Intelligencer, beyond question, is the leading newspaper of the state and should be read by all West Virginians. It will be of especial interest this winter as it will give full proceedings of the legislature which meets next month.—Morgan Messenger.

The Intelligencer is in its forty-seventh year and improves with age. Its daily edition has a large circulation here. The Weekly Intelligencer is better than many of the metropolitan papers.—Weston Sentinel.

For forty-seven years the Intelligencer has been a fire-side companion of the people of West Virginia, and as a newspaper it maintains its influence in public affairs. Its Republicanism is surely strong enough for a stalwart of the stalwarts.—Moundsville Echo.

NOTICE TO BANKERS.

Commissioner Scott Says Some Are Violating the Law.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Commissioner Scott, of the internal revenue department, in Washington, has discovered that some of the banks in this city make call loans on which no tax is paid. The matter will probably be brought to the attention of the clearing house association.

The following letter to Collector Charles H. Treat deals with this matter, and it will be forwarded by him to the officers of the Clearing House Association:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF INTERNAL REVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
Dec. 28, 1898.

Charles H. Treat, Esq., Collector, Second District, New York City, N. Y.:

SIR:—This office has been informed that some of the banks in New York City are loaning money to parties, taking as an evidence of the debt an unperfected check for the amount advanced, the loan, of course, being secured by collateral. This is certainly an evasion of the law, and you are hereby instructed to send a letter to the clearing house association of New York City, asking them to advise the members thereof that the method above described must be discontinued.

A check used as a promissory note is an acknowledgment of a debt and must be stamped accordingly; that is, at the rate of two cents per hundred dollars or fraction thereof, and if the collateral pledged as security for such a debt is pledged specifically for this loan, then the pledge of collateral is subject to taxation on the amount of the loan in excess of \$1,000, at the rate provided in the paragraph of Schedule A relating to mortgage or pledge.

Respectfully yours,
N. B. SCOTT, Commissioner.

Times Wondrous Changes.

New York Press: An old gentleman who has lived here in luxury these thirty-five years talked on occasion reminiscences of the good, old days of catfish and waffles, caveach, redbirds, soras, spots, Lynnhaven Days, hot rolls, beaten biscuit, soft gingerbread and other Virginia specialties of ancient days. He bored his friends until they demanded that he should go back to the Old Dominion and try life there for a month. He was gone five days and returned a wreck. The hot bread had given him dyspepsia, the caveach turned to acid stomach, the catfish and waffles were worse than catarrh, the soras were sanded, the spots were indolent, the beating of the beat biscuit—

Two hundred ticks is what I give for home folks, never fewer. An' if I'm 'specin' company in, I give five hundred sure.

—kept him awake from daylight to breakfast, and the elderdown mattresses were built of shucks. "Fertile imaginative general casum." "Carry me back to ole Virginny!" Never, never, never!

May Bring Leprosy to this Country.

It is pointed out that the United States soldiers in Hawaii may contract leprosy there, and bring it to this country when they return. While leprosy is much to be dreaded, there are a thousand times as many victims to stomach disorders and blood diseases, but there is a cure for them in Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Other common ailments that the Bitters are a specific for are malaria, fever and ague. Sold at all drug stores.

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THE ATTACK ON WHEELER.

Views of one of the South's Most Conservative Newspapers.

Savannah News (Dem.): It does not seem to be generally understood why Mr. Bailey is so anxious to deprive General Joe Wheeler of his seat in the house. General Wheeler was asked about the matter a day or two ago. He said he did not know, unless it was because he refused to follow Mr. Bailey's lead last summer on the question of expansion.

General Wheeler believes that he has a right to occupy his seat in the house and at the same time retain his commission in the volunteer army. He has looked up the matter carefully, and has taken advice on the question from some of the best posted lawyers in Washington. The resolution to investigate his right to a seat has been referred to the judiciary committee, and that committee will make a report, in all probability, soon after the holidays.

This Congress will come to an end in two months. General Wheeler is a member-elect of the next Congress. Before that Congress meets General Wheeler will, of course, be out of the army, that is, if some arrangement is not made for his permanent connection with it.

Mr. Bailey has not endeared himself to the people of the South by his course in the Wheeler matter. In the first place he knew that the question he raised is one in respect to which there is a difference of opinion. In the second place, there was no reason why a Democratic should have raised it. If it was important enough to be raised, Mr. Bailey should have waited for a Republican to raise it, unless his conscience would not permit of any delay. However, there are no indications that General Wheeler is greatly disturbed about the matter.

A Calendar That Stays.

The calendar crop is never short, as the postoffice people will testify. We always get our share, and begin the new year with a great assortment, but the one we select "for keeps" is that of N. W. Ayer & Son, the keeping everlastingly at it advertising men of Philadelphia. This one spends the whole year in our company. It is a piece of fine printing, but its good looks do not constitute its sole charm. It is clear and plain. Utility has been put first. He who seeks the date can find it; who writes may read. The matter on it interests more people every year, but the edition is limited. While they last a copy can be obtained postpaid by sending 25 cents to the publishers.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

As a chatterbox the phonograph is still in the lead.

Weather stripes should now be classed as long felt wants.

The broker who sells short and waits for a fall often gets a hard one.

When a man begins to talk about purifying politics he wants an office.

Girls and photographers should understand the art of retouching negatives.

The day's are "short" now because there is less time in them—and time is money.

The human understanding at this season of the year should consist of thick shoe soles.

The liar who can repeat a story ten times without any alteration deserves more credit than he gets.

The middle class in society resembles the meat in a sandwich, inasmuch as it is between the upper crust and the under bred.—Chicago Daily News.

STATE OF OHIO.

CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.

I, Frank J. Cheney, make oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, Ohio, and State of Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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